News From the Departments--- New

Posts, etc.

THE ENCAMPMENT. Preparations for the Encampment.

BOSTON, MASS., June 12, 1890. The Executive Committee of the National Encomponent held a meeting yesterday. Comrade Much, from a committee appointed to confer with Maj. Otis H. Marion, Surgeon, 1st Inf. M. V. M., relative to hospital service during Encampment week, made a report, in which it was shown that Dr. Marion had outlined a most complete system. A communication from Commander-in-Chief Alger relative to each Department parading as a Division, and thinking it appropriate that the Medal of Honor Legion should appear in the column, was read, and after discussion referred to the Committec on Parade. The question of the Naval Division appearing in the column was postponed until the

The Committee on Accommodations met at 8 p. m., Hon, Harrison Hume presiding. Gen. M. T. Donohue reported for the Committee on Cateriag that the contract for furnishing meals at Mechanics' Building had been awarded to F. W. Flower.

It was voted that a notice be issued requesting The Assistant Adjutant-General of each Department to issue notices to the effect that any Post obtaining quarters other than through the Accommodation Committee, be requested to furnish notice of such assignment to the committee. It was voted that the Commander of each Department be reguested to inform the Posts of his Department that applications for quarters must be made before

Rennions.

Nel. D. Adams, Land Office, Washington, D. C., has issued a call to the surviving members of the two bands of the Old Vermont Brigade and the POTOMAC .-2d Vt., which served under his leadership, to meet on Boston Common, in front of the State House, Aug. 11, at 6 p. m.

A. I. Sherman, Cattaraugus, N. Y.: The survivors of the 65th N. Y. are requested to meet at Boston, Mass., Aug. 13, for the purpose of forming a perma-

The 2d Co. Mass. Sharpshooters will please meet at their Hendquarters, 55 Union street, Boston, Aug. 13, at 10 o'clock a. m.

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

IThe Assistant Adjutants-General of the different Departments are respectfully requested to forward steepy of the Department rosters for 1890 to THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE.]

George W. Lennard Post, No. 148, New Castle, has adopted the following resolutions: Whereas a section of our Government recently displayed the rebel flag, with shouting and honor, adjentive of the sentiments of their people and contempt for the National flag, the Stars and Stripes, and set apart a time for such display near that solemn and interesting occ ing and commemoration of our dead Union heroes, and in supplication to our true God by all loyal Americans to avert in the future the great calamity the rebel flag brought upon our country; and Whereas as true and tried loyal Americans having but one country, but one Constitution and but one

flag, the Star Spangled Banner, which was handed down to us by the patriot Washington to honor it to respect it and to protect it from being despoiled by a traiter's hand: Therefore, be it Beroired, That that flag, which was sustained and maintained by the immortal Lincoln at the cost of over 500,000 loyal American lives, must be, and shall be, by the Eternal, the only flag of this country and Government of American citizens; that we protest and enter our just condemnation upon any section of this Government or people displaying a rebel flag upon any occasion whatever, and that the flag of the United States of America, the Star Spangled Banner, must not be supplimited; that Bag which is precious to all loyal Americans; that

fing which was saved from disgrace and sus-

tained by rivers of pure loyal American blood;

brave; that flag that is respected, waving upon

the high seas and lands of all civilized nations of

the world, the brightest gem in the diadem of flags; that flag which is beautiful in color and star-like brightness to all mankind. Resolved, That any other flag displayed upon any occasion, public or private, creates animosity among the people of the Government and endangers the peace, business and commercial re-

lathous between the North and the South. KANSAS .-Reynolds Post, No. 43, Cawker, has adopted resolations condemning the removal of Comrade A. A. Raub from the Pension Examining Board at Belos without just cause, and requesting Senators logalis and Pinesb to use all honorable means to

KENTUCKY .-Geo. W. Neil Post, No. 153, Columbia, has adopted resolutions requesting Congress to repeal the

limitation of arrests act. MASSACHUSETTS .-

F. It. B.: There is a good deal of quiet canvassing in this Department of the question of a nomine for the office of Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief at the coming Encampment. A strong and devery-managed bulk of the vets in Massachusetts will favor a singular generosity, i.e., will say to the other Departments; "It is enough; we have the honor of the National Encampment; we ask no more; you may take all the offices; we have laid This is the program, and it reads beautifully. The surface of the meal is so nicely smoothed that not a hint of the cut crops up, 3cd pussy is there. The scheme is to take tothing this year, but to insure the chief honors next year. Massachusetts expentsor rather the promoters of this scheme expectto name the Commander-in-Chief in 1891. The selected candidate need not be named at this time. It is not to be supposed that any thing larger than a minority is harboring this motion. For the second place on the ticket I find that Col. Benj. B. Loveli is being urged. The wonderfully genial and popular Colonel is one of the most unselfish workers in this Department. He is untiring in his efforts and lavish in his expenditures for the Order in time fitute. He has never asked anything for himself, and now his friends propose to push him for the honor referred to. There are other good men named, but there is none of them quite so popular as indefatigable "Ben." A big squad of Cambridge veterans went up with

Gen. Hicks to Brooks Post fair at Montpelier. Verdiet a big time. Post 186 is making ready to entertain Mrs. Logan in a royal fashion. This distinguished woman will be the guest of this Post during the National Enenument, and her entertainment will be a feature of the great gathering. It was the intention to have her occupy a carriage in the grand parade, but it is understood that Commander-in-Chief Alger has barred out all carriages from the procession, save only one for Gen. Sherman, if he desires one.

MISSOURL-General Orders, No. 4, issued at St. Louis June 7, by command of Leo Rasdeur, Department Comader-Thos. B. Rodgers, A. A.-G.-contain the

The comrades are specially notified that Missouri must be well represented at the National Encampment at Boston, which will take place Aug. 12 to The rates have not yet been definitely fixed, but the Department Commander feels justified in NEW YORK. saying that the fare for a round trip will not exseed one cent per mile. From St. Louis the fare mmunder is very desirous that all who can go conveniently by way of St. Louis, should go together, in order that Missouri may get the credit for her representation on the whole trip. Everything will be done to make the trip as pleasant and profitable as possible to each participant. The folowing new Posts have been mustered; Sesman Post, No. 467, at Harris, by Wm. H. Tripp, Post 44; 8. R. Pile, Commander. Maj. Leonard, 408, Hig-bec, Chas. P. Hess, 23; Lawrence A. Hulett, Lieut. Brooks, 469, Ashland, John Opel, 6; John C, Wilkening, Gen. Geo. Crook, 470, Slater, M. Slav, 106; Wm. Davis. Ethel, 471, Ethel, Geo. W. Martin; Jerome B. Davenport, Callaway, 472, Pulton, D. E. Shen, 239; Eli Townsend, L. W. Wenthermore, 47% Clyde, John G. Grenn, 21; W. P. Craig Sheidon, 474, Sheidon, A. Van Meier, 24; James I Griffin. Gov. Andrew, 475, Birch Tree, A. B. John ston, 243; E. J. Mecker. Post 476. Springfield, J. Milner, 65; Shady Wilson, Carter Post, No. 143, Browning, heretofore suspended, having made reports for which it was delinquent, has been reinstated. The following applicant for membership has been rejected: By Stanton Post, No. 16, thage, Mo., John B. Keifer, Private, Co. I, 3d Mo.

Ransom Post, No. 131, St. Louis, has adopted Pesolutions of respect to the memory of the late Comrade August E. Francke.

NEW YORK .-Chus. J. Powers Post, No. 391, Rochester, has adopted the following resolutions: Whereas in the city of Richmond, Va., on May 29, 1890, a monument to Robert E. Lee was unvalled-a city the scat of government from 1861 to 1865 of a body of frairieides organized to destroy the grandest Covernment known to man; organized to obliterate institutions giving liberty to millions and an asylum for the oppressed of all lands; a monument erected to a man who, denying his his sword in the blood of his countrymen in the | and silver medals, respectively. most cruel strife ever mingled in with one brother

opposing another: And Whereas the symbol of rebellion as carried by Robert E. Lee and his followers, and surrendered by them through force of arms to the Union forces at Apportantox Courthouse, was revived and taken from the dust, where it should have lain, to

Resulted, That we, the members of C. J. Powers Post, No. 291, G.A.R., composed of veterans who left their homes and firesides and expended their | Boylston, of Amherst.

blood, their health and treasure that the Union might be preserved and this symbol of treason de-stroyed, look with ill-favor upon this action, as tending to show that the spirit of rebellion is still alive in the hearts of men who have been welcomed back by us to the country they betrayed, believing that the war washed out in blood all of

Resolved. That the display of this symbol of Southern treason injures the prosperity of a part of our common country, and is most injurious to the rising generation of the South, and that we, as loyal citizens of the United States, believing in 'one flag," "one country," and "one destiny, earnestly pray Congress to enact such laws as will probibit any flag or symbol from being carried or displayed at any parade or public ceremony excep our united Nation's sign and glory, the "Stars and

PENNSYLVANIA .-

Naval Post, No. 400, Philadelphia, has engaged puarters in Boston during the week of the National campment. The Post will be received on its urival in that city by the Navat Veterans of the Hub, who will escort them, with music playing and flags flying, to their quarters. The Post has been accorded the right of the line of the Naval Division in the great parade, and a shipmate of the Post will be Chief Marshal of the Divis

The Naval contingent in the Boston procession will be, it is expected, the largest ever assembled for like purpose in the United States. Among the Naval organizations that have arranged to attend, esties the Naval Veteran Legion of Philadelphia, and the several naval Posts, are the following: arragut Association, Philadelphia; Farragut Asintion, New York: Farragut Association, ago: United States Association, Washington, Kan.; Cushing Association, Milwaukee; Gulf Association, New Orleans; Commodore Rodgers Association, Cincinnati; Potomac Association, Washngton, D. C.; Dupont Association, Kansas City; Admiral David D. Porter Association, Columbus O.; Farragut Association, Providence, R. I.; Kearsarge Association, Boston. Among those who will attend is Gov. Campbell, of Ohio, who is a naval veteran, and if able, Admiral Porter, who belongs to The Naval Post of Philadelphia Capt. A. J. Moran Post, No. 33, Espyville, has organized a Woman's Relief Corps, which will unloubtedly prove of great benefit to the Post.

The following Post has elected officers Capt. S. S. Marchand, 100, Irwin; Com., J. M. Diasmore; S. V. C., Robert Fisher; J. V. C., L. W. Cook : Adj't, Edward Weity; Q. M., J. C. Frederick; Surg., Daniel Henry; Chap., Samuel Keeler; O. D., J. K. Painter; O. G., S. C. Fry; S. M., John Dempster; Q. M. S., W. H. Mattox; Q. S., Robert Watson: O. S., Joshua Decker.

John A. Rawlins Post, Washington, has made all necessary arrangements for attending the Encampment in Boston. Together with Kit Carson Post, it will leave Washington by the Pennsylvania Railroad Aug. 8, arriving in New York the next morning. A day will be spent at Coney Island, a special trip having been arranged for that occasion. From New York to Boston the trip will be made by he Fali River Line, and the comrades will arrive in Boston Sunday morning, Aug. 10. The headquarters of the Post will be a short distance from the Hotel Vendome, where the Commander-in-Chief will have his Headquarters, and the comrades and their ladies will be provided for in boardog-houses near the hotel, which is in the best part of the city. The Posts expect to take on about 200 comrades, and their ladies and friends will undoubtedly swell the number to 400. The Headquarters party of this Department will accompany the two Posts, as will also the 3d Art. Band and Kit Carson Post Drum Corps. The Old Guard of Washington will join the party in Boston, and all will march to-gether in the parade. Rawlins Post being the oldest Post in existence, will attract considerable attention, and Commander Taber will undoubtedly be the recipient of many testimonials.

VIRGINIA .-

Bartranft Post was organized at Charlotte, N. C., one 9, and the following officers installed: Com., S. Eidridge; S. V. C., G. E. Newcombe; J. V. C. W. H. Miller; Adj't, Peter Helton; Q. M., J. M. Plummer; Chap., Raleigh Brewer; O. D., D. G. Stebbins; O. G., Wm. B. Harris; S. M., Robert E. McDonald; Q. M. S., James Hollingsworth,

WISCONSIN .-

General Grders, No. 4, issued at Milwaukee, June 13, by command of Benjamin F, Bryant, Department Commander-E. B. Gray, Assistant Adjutant-General-contain the following: Enough has already been learned concerning rates to the 24th annual Encampment, to be held n Boston, Aug. 12, to enable the Department Commander to assure the comrades that a very favorable rate will ultimately be given. Much less than ne cent a mile for the distance traveled is already ffered, and it is desired that Wisconsin appear in the parade on Aug. 12 with a large representation n uniform. As soon as rates are determined and be route fixed upon notice will be sent to each Post. Those intending to go are requested to advise the Assistant Adjutant-General of their purpose now, so that a reasonable approximation may be reached of the number for which transthat flag which proudly and triumphantly waves over the land of the free and the home of the portation is to be furnished. The usual extension of 30 days is assured, and all who go with Headquarters train can have that time for the return trip. The Woman's Relief Corps and the Sons of Veterans will be provided for on the same terms as the G.A.R., and both organizations are invited o join Headquarters train, which will leave Milwankee as early as Friday, Aug. 8. The representatives and alternates elected at the last Department Encampment, who are to be at Boston, will at once notify the Assistant Adjutant-General, so that, should any be unable to go, the delegation may be completed before leaving the State. Such Posts as did not receive the proceedings of the 23d National Encampment, held in Milwaukee last August, can obtain them by making request for same of the Assistant Adjutant-General. Some of the comrades so handsomely indorsed by their Posts, and whose names and appointments as Aids-de-Camp and Assistant Inspectors, were announced in General Orders, No. 3, from these Headquarters, have not yet written the Assistant Adjutant-General accepting their appointments. They are requested to do so at once, so commissions may be issued and every district supplied with one staff officer or more

to look after the general interests of the Order. REUNIONS.

To Secretaries: Secretaries will greatly favor is by sending brief accounts of the Reunious of their respective organizations for publication in this column, immediately after the occurrence of the same. Also copies of rosters for file and future reference.-EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE. CONNECTICUT.

The survivors of the 1st Conn. H. A. held a Reunion at Willimsotic, June 10, the anniversary of the regiment's departure for the sent of war. The gathering was a complete success in every paricular. Officers were elected as follows: President, Samuel J. Miller, Willimantie; Vice-Presidents, Chas. A. Day, Co. A; John E. Remer, Co. B; Thos. Keller, Co. C; George M. Williams, Co. D; T. A. Talpin, Co. E; Wm. A. Lincoln, Co. F; Wm. H. Adams, Co. G; Peter C. Bell, Co. H; Wm. B. Atwood, Co. I; John M. Twiss, Co. K; Sanford L. Risley, Co. L; Henry H. Hurd, Co. M. Sec. and Freas., Edwin C. Dow, New Haven. Executive Committee-John C. Taylor, Walter F. Sage, Wm. W. Morgan, Frederick H. Waldron, Edgar L. Forbes. The next Reunion will be held at New London, June 10, 1891.

ILLINOIS. The survivors of the 18th Ill, held a Reunion at Du Quoin, May 28, and elected the following offi-cers: President, Capt. S. F. Brush, Carbondale; Vice-Pres., Col. S. B. Marks, St. Louis; Sec., T. B. Kelly; Ass't Sec., Dr. O. B. Ormsby, Murphysboro.

NEW JERSEY. The survivors of the 2d N. J. held their third an nual Reunion at Newark, June 18. Among distinguished men present were Gov. Abbett and Gens. Burd Grubb, Daniel E. Sickles, Francis Price. seph E. Carr, and Wm. J. Sewell. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Gen. Francis Price; Sec., Capt. U. B. Titus; Treas., Lieut. James A. Fallon; Chap., Rev. E. C. Kline. Gen. Grubb was the orator of the day, and spoke for over an hour. Speeches were also made by Gov. Abbett and Gens. Sickles, Sewell and Price. Gen. Sickles was presented with a gold badge.

The 26th annual Reunion of the 185th N. Y. was held at Homer, June II, and was one of the largest | invitation at Clinton Avenue M. E. Church, Rev. will not exceed \$22 for the round trip, and may be ever held by the regiment. The election of officers less. As soon as definitely known the rates will be resulted as follows: President, Capt. Daniel N. On Memorial Day a delegation f Lathrop; First Vice-Pres. Lieut. Pembroke Pierce: Second Vice-Pres., Fred Caldwell; Sec., H. W. Ciarke; Treas., Otis C. Smith.

> W. A. Skillens, Secretary, Sidney: The 15th annual Reusion of the 20th Ohio Veteran Association will be held at Sidney, Aug. 21. John D. Jones, Secretary, Portamouth: There will be a Reunion of the 56th Ohio at Old Camp Morrow, Portsmouth, Sept. 18, The annual Rennion of the 61st and 82d Ohio will be held at Kenton, July 1. The 82d was commanded by Gen. J. S. Robinson, ex-Secretary of State, and the 61st was consolidated with it at the end of the war.

Bistoric Valley Forge.

On Friday, June 20, under the auspices of the Patriotic Order Sons of America, the anniversary of the evacuation of Valley Forge by Washington's army was celebrated in a fitting manner. Large delegations of the Patriotic Order Sons of America arrived at historic Valley Forge early in the forenoon, accompanied by thousands of other visitors, including hundreds of school children, who had been given a holiday for the patriotic celebration. In Norristown, Pa., and surrounding towns business was partially suspended. By 10 o'clock thousands of persons surrounded Washington's headquarters, now owned by the Valley Forge Centennish Memorial Association. The exercises at the headquarters consisted of addresses, recitations, music by the pupils of the Norristown public schools, the reading of two prize essays on Valley Forge, written by Anna P. Dugan sacred outh of allegiance to the United States, wet | and William C. Rittenhouse, who received gold

The Amherst (N. H.) Soldiers' Monument Dedicated.

The dedication of a soldiers' monument took place at Amberst, N. H., on Friday last, in connection with the 14th annual Reunion of the be flaunted in the breeze, a symbol of riot and | 10th N. H. Governor Goodell, Gen. M. T. Donmurder, at the unvailing of this effigy, to the ex- abue and other notable guests were present. cluston of our Nation's emblem, the Stars and An address of welcome was made by Rev. J. G. Davis, of Amherst; the oration was by C. H. Bartley, of Manchester, and the poem by E. D.

CORPS NEWS

Gleanings from National Headquarters---Notes from the Departments.

Mrs. Annie Wittenmyer, National President. Mrs. Abbie Lynch, National Secretary.

To specially aid and assist the Grand Army of the Republic and to perpetuate the memory of their heroic dead. To assist such Union veterans as need our help and protection, and to extend needful aid to their widows and orphans; to find them homes and employment, and assure them of sympathy and friends; to cherish and emulate the deeds of our Army Nurses, and of all loyal women who rendered loving service to their country in her hour of

To inculcate lessons of patriotism and love of country among our children and in the communities in which we live; to maintain true allegiance to the United States of America; to discountenance whatever tends to weaken loyalty and to encourage the spread of universal liberty and equal rights Women of good moral character and correct de-

portment, who have not given aid and comfort to the enemies of the Union, who would perpetuate the principles to which this association stands pledged, and who have attained the age of 16 years, shall be eligible to membership in the Woman's Relief Corps.

OPEN LETTER TO THE W.R.C. DEAR SISTERS: I will not ask much of your valuable time, but there is a matter to which I wish to call your sisterly attention. I desire to say a few words in behalf of the Ladies' Aid Society,

auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans. My position

ideas of the L.A.S. Almost immediately after the close of the great civil war the G.A.R. came into existence, based upon the grand principles of fraternity and com-radeship, charity and loyalty. High and noble principles worthy of such men. During the war the women of the country, with hearts not less loyal, but with fewer opportunities did all they could, and to complete that devotion and loyalty organized, in 1883, the Woman's Relief Corps, auxiliary to the G.A.R. I will not occupy your time with the work of this Order. It is sufficient to say I felt it a proud moment in my life when I subscribed my name to the roll of Richard Kyes Corps, No. 139, and I have tried to remain loyal to

its principles ever since. Ten years ago the Sons of Veterans sprang into existence as a secret society almost spontaneously; these young sons of our soldiers taking a just and honest pride in the record bequeathed to them by their fathers. They felt it a privilege to do honor to that record by an organized effort to perpetuate its memory, and by making a pledge that this bright and beautiful country, saved and preserved to us by their fathers, should ever receive their hearts' eyal devotion. So true has been their fidelity that 90,000 of them are now enrolled under their banner; a grand and noble army of the country's best young blood.

and complete recognition from their fathers of the Grand Army of the Republic. Though organized as a separate and distinct body, they yet have obsets, aims and purposes so akin to each other as to | to be expended by the committee. e almost inseperable, and are possessed of an element of perpetuity that will continue their existence as long as the great rebellion continues to be

The Sons of Veterans as an Order have a full realization of this truth, and are preparing themselves to meet it. If when the fight was on the such feeble efforts as the women of the country | gifts in the same spirit. were able to give, and if since the restoration of peace the Grand Army of the Republic have fe't | President. proud to have the Woman's Relief Corps stand by their side and render such help as lies in their power, is it any wonder that the proud young Order of the Sons of Veterans should accept such efforts of loyalty and devotion to their cause as the patriotic young women of the country can give? In respect to such a sentiment the National compment held at Philadelphia, Pa., in 1884, and at Grand Rapids, Mich., in September, 1885, officially recognized the Ladies' Aid Society as an auxiliary to their Order, since which time all the organized Divisions have done the same. This has been done with the feeling that the Woman's Relief Corps was the especial espousal of the Grand Army, and it is naturally to be expected that the young Order would desire to espouse a young bride. (Remember, please, that I belong to the W.R.C.) Now, sisters of the Relief Corps, cannot we extend to the Ladies' Aid Society the right hand of feilowship and receive them as

that exercised by the Grand Army toward the Sons of Veterans? There is room enough on the great platform of principles upon which all four of the Orders stand, so that we need not jostle or irritate one another, Each has a special work to do that, to do well, will not give us time to quarrel or dispute the ground, Many of our struggling Camps have thought to increase their interest in the Order by adding an Aid Society, but have been met by opposition from the local W.R.C. I think in nearly every case this has come from a mistaken impression that the Aid Society was calculated to oppose their interests, when, in reality, nothing would be more likely to benefit the Corps. Instead of our interests being at variance they are identical, and the Ladies' Aid Society stand ready to lead a helping hand in any good work that can, in any manner, contribute to the welfare or encouragement of the Grand Army or its kindred organizations.

In closing, sisters, permit me again to appeal to your kindness of heart and to your maternal feeling, and ask you to extend a hand of encouragement and aid to the Corps in your locality when an effort is made to establish a Ladies' Aid Society; and I assure you when such is the case the Corps will never have cause to regret such action. The harmony of feeling and of action between the two Orders should be akin to that of mother and daughter, and when such a feeling exists the good work of both will go steadily on, until our labor will be better appreciated by those we both delight to honor.—Mrs. J. S. Mason, Division President, L. A. S., Medina, Ohio.

Department Gleanings.

DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA. DEAR TRIBUNE: Lydia A. George, Department President, instituted Lewis McCune Corps, No. 68, at Wascon, May 28; 16 charter members. President, Lucie H. Young. The same day Mary E. Leavens, President of

Michael Cook Corps, No. 15, Faribault, instituted George P. Sawyer Corps, No. 55, Medford. Presideat, Hattie A. Cook. This Corps promises to be a power for good. Headquarters of the Department of Minnesota. W.R.C., have been established at the Congregational Building, on Beacon street, near the famous Boston Common. The Department President and her staff will occupy apartments at the Hotel Belle-

The W.R.C. of Minneapolis served lunch to the old soldiers from the Soldiers' Home who participated in Memorial Day exercises at the W. C. T. U. Mrs. Creigh, of Plummer Corps, had rooms. charge of all arrangements,-Cora A. C. Quick, Department Correspondent, St. Paul.

A BEAUTIFUL SERVICE.

Acker Corps, No. 7, St. Paul, observed Memorial Day in a manner peculiar to themselves, by holding a special service May 22, at the last regular meeting preceding Memorial Day. After the regular business meeting, Mrs. Beach read an interesting paper appropriate to the occasion. Mrs. Ross gave a select reading, "Roll Call"; Susic Lightbourn, "The Old Crutch in the Corner"; Mrs., Quick, "Blue and the Gray," and Mrs. Howard recited in a pleasing manner "Uncle John in the Cometery After Decoration Day." Short addresses were also given, referring to our work and relations to the G.A.R., by Mrs. Quick and Mrs. Ross. Sunday, May 25, the Corps attended Memorial service by On Memorial Day a delegation from the Corps sisted in the early morning service at Oakland Cemetery, bearing as a remembrance from Acker Corps a beautiful floral emblem in the form of an anchor and cross, dedicated to Capt. Acker, of the 1st Minn., whose name we bear; also an offering, the Maltese cross, for Mrs. Sophronia Chapel, our sister, who rests in Oakland Cemetery. The Corps has observed the custom of a special service for Memorial Day for several years. It promotes fra-

ternal feeling and renews our interest in the Post, —E. H. Quick, Corps Correspondent. DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK. DEAR TRIBUNE: New York has not been heard from in some time, yet we are progressing and endeavoring to do earnest work. Memorial Day exercises were this year more impressive and more generally attended than ever before. With Cross small boys in line, patriotic and eager to do their hest in honoring the soldier dead. Upon questioning them as to the object of the proceedings of the day, the answers given and questions asked were

very gratifying.

One man asked and obtained permission to march with the veterans and carry flowers to decorate the graves, which have greatly increased in the past year, numbering now nearly 200 in our little emetery. He was too young to calist in the time of our country's need, but is now a man of family, with correct ideas of justice, right and temperance. Yes, we are gaining ground, educating the young, elevating the minds of the parents, and creating a better public sentiment. One beautiful feature of the day was the present-

ing of an elegant flag to the High School, by the taxpayers of the village. New York sent out the appeal for help from Edgar Alian, of Richmond, Va., Past Junior Vice-Commander in Chief, G.A.R., he thereby becoming he recipient of \$58.13, accompanied by some touchng and beautiful letters from the Corps. Since Convention we have formed seven Corps and have quite a number getting ready to come into line.
The good work goes on. We feel greatly encouraged.—Jennie P. Shepard, Department Secretary.

OHIO SOLDIERS AND SAILORS' HOME. Ohio Headquarters is a busy place, and President Ada F. Clark, with characteristic zeal and energy, is planning wisely for a year of unexampled activity in all that pertains to the vital principles of

Three General Orders have been issued simultaneously, two pertaining to Department business, writes that Memorial observances were very beauti-and one to the Ohio Soldiers and Sailors' Home, ful. The decoration was by little boys and girls,

herewith given, as of general interest to Corps | the former laying a wreath on each grave and the workers in the same cause in every State, particularly in Ohio: General Orders, No. 5.

The report of the Ohio Soldiers and Sailors' Home ommittee was received, with every expression of approval, by seventh annual Department Convention, and the recommendations to continue and extend the work was unanimously adopted. About one-half of the Relief Corps of Ohio con tributed hospital supplies or money the past year. which, added to a number of donations received from private individuals and other societies, reached an estimated amount of about \$2,500. The ommittee were warmly indorsed and sustained in their work by Gen. M. F. Force, Commandant of the Home, and the Board of Trustees, I. F. Mack, President, and R. B. Brown, Secretary, Sarah J. Price, Matron and Assistant Secretary, rendered aportant service the past year, and appeared before the Convention to plead for the veterans. She particularly urged the continued need of large-size oft slippers, muslin shirts and handkerchiefs, for the bedridden patients, of which the number is great; home-made jellies, canned fruits and cor dials for the sick; and rolls of worn muslin and inen for old wounds and caneer cases. Those who contributed to the fund solicited to

enable the aged wife of a dying comrade to make aim a farewell visit at the Home, will be glad to know that, while the wife was too feeble to indertake the journey, the daughter visited her father, which proved a great consolation to him, His wife has been sent a portion of the fund. A resolution recommended by the Board was dopted, entreating the Grand Army to unite with the Relief Corps in urging upon the Ohio Legis-lature the imperative need of a cottage at the Home for this class of comrades and their aged wives, that | Harrington, Eastport; F. L. Beals, Auburn. Delehose who have spent a long life together shall not be separated in their old age-one to the Soldiers' Home and the other to the poorhouse. Every member of the Order can render valuable service by urging this righteens measure upon the attention of the members of the Legislature from their own localities

Three hundred dollars was appropriated by the Convention for the purpose of adding the same comforts to the recently-opened cottages and the | RHODE ISLAND. during the past year has shown me that many of the ladies of the W.R.C. are entertaining mistaken those first opened. those first opened. The President enjoins upon the Relief Corps of Ohio the duty of forwarding at least one box dur-ing the year to the Soldiers' Home containing hospital supplies, such as have been enumerated Send no more old magazines or newspapers, but

such supplies as will be grateful to the sick and suffering old soldier. Remember the Soldiers' Home is a great invalid camp, and its wants are installed at the same time, and will be obeyed and increasing daily. Hereafter contributions, properly reported, will be mentioned in General Orders. The following have been reported to these Headquarters since Department Convention:

Lyons Corps, London, roller chair, \$27.50; Wells Corps, Columbus, box of hospital supplies and delicacies; A. W. Day Corps, Kent, box of jellies, The Committee on Ohio Soldiers and Sailors' Home is hereby announced; Chairman, Kate B. Sherwood, Canton, O.; Rinnie C. Holliday, Steubenville, O.; Ann C. McMeens, Sandusky, O.; Elizabeth Daugherty, Dayton, O.; Secretary, Mary M.

Quinton, Cincinnati, O. In order that donations shall be properly reported, Corps will observe the following 1. Make an inventory of the supplies forwarded, with name, number and postoffice address of the

2. Place one copy on the top of the box, before After some struggles over conflicting interests in closing, and send one copy to Sarah J. Price, Maneir organizations, they have now received full tron of the Home, to whom the box should be ad-Donations of money should be sent direct to

Emma Koons, Department Treasurer, Canton, O., There is an immediate demand for an unlimited quantity of soft slippers, handkerchiefs, old linen, and thin, cool shirts, as warm weather has set in | defray its expenses to Boston in August, a part of American history. We cannot fail to and the paralytic, enemic and other chronic, in-recognize the fact that the mantle of the Grand curable cases, are in need of constant changes. Army must all too soon fall upon the shoulders of | Slippers are in equal demand, as the footsore old soldiers, no matter how feeble, have only the Government brogans for their feet.

Let the Relief Corps of 1890 remember that theirs is the work of the Soldiers' Aid Society of 1861-'65, soldiers at the front feit the need of and accepted | transferred from war to peace, and prepare their By command of ADA F. CLARKE, Department ALICE M. REX, Department Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN.

DEAR TRIBUNE: I want to tell you that Wisconsin is working steadily on, and our increase is a healthy and steady growth. Memorial Day was widely observed, not with the ceremony in Milwaukee that some of us wished, but this year we yielded to the element that opposes all expense in the way of parades. The Posts and Camps of Sons of Veterans and the Woman's Relief Corps united, and being Chairman of the Memorial Committee of Wolcott Corps, I as usual took charge of the flowers. We received 500 plants, Chivas Corps 100, and we purchased 150. The expenses of flags, conveyances and flowers purchased were paid by per capita tax, the Corps and Sons of Veterans haring the same as the Post. Twenty-six pupils of the Seventh Ward School marghed to the where we received the flowers, each bearing a cordially and kindly and in as fraternal a spirit as potted plant with a little flag beside it. A commitwith four boxes of cut flowers, and a potted plant carried by each. The children seemed to have a

very good idea of the object of Memorial Day. The Department President, our Corps President, the Department Treasurer and myseif, with one or two others, took out the cut flowers and placed them on the unknown graves in Forest Home, and we felt while reverently covering the bounds there it was also done in memory of the thousands of our brothers sireping at Andersonville, Lookout Mountain and all over that desolated neighbor-At a Memorial service in the evening, under the auspices of Wolcott Post, our Department President read a poem of much beauty. Two Corps have been organized since Department Convention, the latter last week at Peshtigo.

There seems to be the best of feeling between the Posts and Corps in the State. A Post in the north wrote me to get a banner made for them to present o their Corps. I had it made with the badge in the center, over black, with gilt trimmings on one instance of the kind in Wisconsin. I have purchased banners for the ladies to give the comrades before. Our Department has just purchased an expensive organ for our Waupaca Home, and we are to build a chapel also. - CAROLINE H. BELL,

Past Department President. ALL ALONG THE LINE.

Department of New York, W.R.C., Sarah C. Nichols, President, will have headquarters at the Brunswick Hotel, Boston, during National Encampaient. Department President Nichols, of New York, in General Orders, No. 41, aunounces George G. Prisce Corps, 150, Mary L. Pond, President, Castle; A. L. deDougait Corps, 151, Adelaide J. Hill, President; Salem Crary Corps, 152, Lucy Webber, President, Springville: G. L. Willard Corps, 153, Georgianna Griffith, President, Troy; Chapin Corps, No. 4, Ellen M. Putnam, President, Buffalo.

Emma B. Alrich, of the Cawker City (Kan.) Regard, is credited by the Western press with the best report of the editorial excursion to Galveston, The electric currents that propel the energetic

Kansas woman occasionally run wild, and then there is trouble. This is what befell Emma B. Alrich, Past Department S. V. P., and one of the National charter members W.R.C., as told by her husband in the Cawker City (Kan? Record: "Providence is always kind. Here is an item we didn't have to run after; it came right down from Heaven and sought us out. At 20 minutes past 10 o'clock on Tuesday night, during the severe thunder storm, lightning struck the north chimney on our residence and tore a hole through the base of it, covering the tin roof with broken bricks. Mrs. , was on the second floor at the time within 10 feet of the spot that was struck, and received a severe shock, from which she suffered for some time afterwards."

General Orders, No. 4, of Department President Clarke, of Ohio, opens with the following: With this issue of General Orders we are pleased to announce to the Corps of this Department that the National President, Annie Wittenmeyer, and her Council, have decided the location of the National Relief Corps Home for the benefit of Army Nurses and aged widows of deceased soldiers. The site chosen is near Geneva, O., and is one of the most favored spots in our beautiful State. The Corps of this Department are requested to hold themselves in readiness for any assistance the Nathern State of State o and equipment of this institution,

Sarah M. E. Battels, Past Department President of Ohio, finding it impossible to serve as Chairman. Department Relief Committee, owing to the in creased invalidism of her soldier brother and other equally imperative home duties, her declination vas accepted by Department President Clarke, and Louise M. Roland, Past Department S. V.-P., of Cleveland, appointed in her stead. Ohio Corps will note the following:

We desire to make an Honor Roll of every woman resident in this State who served as an Army Nurse. This roll will be of service to the National Pension and Relief Committee in faralshing needed material to forward legislation, and will also be of useful reference in arranging for those who may wish to enter the National Home when completed. Every Corps, No. 10, Seneca Falls, there were about 20 | Relief Corps is therefore charged to secure the names of Army Nurses in their vicinity, and forward to Louise M. Roland, Chairman of Department Relief, who will supply blanks. These, when filled, should be returned, for the purpose hereto-

The Ohio Ex-Prisoners of War Association, in when all the delicacies of the season were delightfully served. Later the Association were the guesta of Gen, and Mrs. Young at the Ohio Soldiers, and and the Home officers were toasted and extelled by all participating.

President Ferree, of Potomac Corps, Washington

D. C., had charge of the flowers at Arlington Cem-

etery, Memorial Day, with about 50 assistants Potomae Corps donated a magnificent floral saddle President, united in the Memorial Day services both at Casstown and Troy. At Riverside Cemetery, Troy, a part of the service was the Memorial service of the W.R.C. in memory of deceased comrades, followed by strewing of flowers by little | we were going. boys. Sallie J. Winans, Department Junior Vice President, was the first President of this Corps. Department President Clark, of Ohio, spent Memorial Day in Cleveland, and attended a Campfire given by Memorial Post and Corps. Department escorts the Department Commander to Boston. Nellie Sprague, Corresponding Secretary of Amos

E. Steele Corps, No. 12, North Muskegon, Mich.,

latter strewing flowers as they slowly marched two by two.

Ladies of the G.A.R. Ellsworth Circle, No. 2, Ladies of the G.A.R., Oklahoma, has been organized with 21 charter members; Lou E. Christy, President. On Memorial Day, Kingfisher Post, No. 447

G.A.R., and Ellsworth Circle, No. 2, jointly ob-served the day with beautiful and impressive services. There were no graves of veterans to deco rate, but a monument "To Our Unknown Dead' was garlanded with lovely wild flowers. Kate B. Sherwood's beautiful poem, "Memorial of the Flowers," was given by 42 little girls, each reciting one verse and presenting her tribute. Your cor-respondent added a stanza for Oklahoma, which was beautifully recited by a sweet little prodigy of six years.—Allie Hopkins, Secretary. Hancock Circle, No. 9, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., reports that in three years of organization they have raised and expended about \$700, besides clothing and provisions. Present membership 120.

SONS OF VETERANS. News from the Various Divisions-Election of Officers, etc.

MAINE. The eighth annual Encampment of this Division was held at Waterville June 11, representatives from about 25 Camps being present. At the business meeting these officers were elected; Col., A. C. Claudman, Saccarappa; Lieut. Col., Edwin C. Moran, Thomaston; Maj., E. A. Vose, Waterville. Division Council—T. W. Davis, Auburn; H. L. gates to Commandery-in-Chief-H. L. Wright, Anburn; R. L. Whiteomb, Portland, Alternates-C. Mountford, Brunswick; Albert W. Rhodes, Rockland. Auburn was chosen as the place for the next annual Encampment, to be held on the second Wednesday of June, 1891. In the evening a ban-quet was held, at which the Hon. Hannibal Hamlin responded to a toast.

Orders, No. 8, issued at Providence, June 10, by

order of Theodore A. Barton, Division Commander -Herbert C. Dana, Adjutant-contain the follow-Having been re-elected and installed Commander of the Rhode Island Division, at its second annual Encampment, held in this city June 2, 1890, command is hereby continued, with Headquarters as above. The following officers were also elected and respected accordingly; Lieut.-Col., E. O. Riggs, Camp 3, Newport; Maj., W. R. Williams, Camp 10, Woonsocket. Division Council, Charles H. West, Camp 3, Newport; T. M. Sweetland, Camp 7, Paw-tucket; F. B. Wilson, Camp 8, Bristol. The election of delegates to the annual meeting of the Commandery-is-Cheif resulted as follows: Delegate-at-Large, George A. Abbott, Camp 5, Providence; Alternate-at-Large, James Warren, jr., Camp 11, Providence. By a vote of the Encampment the selection of the other delegates was left to the new Division Council. All brothers heretofore serving on the Staff of the Division Commander are hereby relieved, and will report to the Captains of their respective Camps for duty. The following appointments upon the Siaff of the Division Commander e announced, with rank from June 2, 1890: Adj't, Herbert C. Dana, Camp 5, Providence; Q. M., Wm. H. McCormic, 5, Providence; Surg., Wm. B. Russell, M. D., 11, Providence; Chap., E. A. Witter, 14, Westerly; M. O., Orray T. Mason, 13, Providence; Judge-Advocate, Cyrus M. Van Slyck, 5, Providence; Special Aid, Hoffman S. Dorchester, 11, Providence; S. M., Charles H. Read, 5, Providence; Q. M. S., Arthur S. Pitts, 5, Providence. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly. Camp No. 10, Providence, realized \$167 from the drama "Our fleroes," held in the Opera House,

Memorial night. This will be used by the Camp to VERMONT .-

The annual Encampment of this Division will be held at St. Albans, July 8, 9 and 10. The delegates expect to introduce a new feature, which will consist of "going into camp" with tents and full camp equipment. Col. E. I. Griswold of Bennington has ing or sleeping. My boy, finding the desired lovers of out-door and in-door sport, will form first day will be devoted to drill by the different Camps and organization, and a social time in the evening after organization. On the second day the regular Encampment will be held, with reports of delegates and the transaction of business relating to the Division. In the evening the visitors will entertained by the members of George T. Childs Camp, of St. Albans. On the third day will occur the election of officers and closing exercises, to be followed in the evening by a banquet at the Welden House, given to the delegates by the Division offi-

THE QUESTION SQUAD. Veterans Anxious to Find Their Comrades-Who

Can Ald Them? To Inquiners: Names, companies, regiments and addresses must be written plainly. Each inquiry for addresses will be printed once in this column, if the writer ask it, but cannot appear for some months after receipt, as many hundred are now awaiting insertion, and each must take its tee of four boys of the Fifth Ward School came | turn. Those answering will please write to the inquirers.

Information or the addresses of the following-named persons are greatly desired for vari-

COLORADO, --Of Jst Colo.; by C. S. Shattuck, Anniston, Ain. HOSPITALS -Of Surgeon in charge of Transylranta Hospital, Lexington, Ky., 1864; by Jerry Laughlin, Richland, Ind. ILLINOIS.—Of Capt. James Tullis, others of Co. H, 147th Ill.; by Job M. Fuller, Nemaha City, Neb. -Of Silas White, of an Illinois regiment; by E. B. Osborn, Economy, Ind. --- Of officers at Camp Douglas, 1864, 65; by Thomas Wiley, Jacksonville,

Indiana.-Of Co. A, 59th Ind.; by S. Y. Narger, Decator, Iowa .- Of Co. B, 133d Ind.; of Co. 140th Ind.; by Mrs. Margaret Spear, 1323% Wabash avenue, Terre Haute, Ind.—Of Col. A. O. Miller, A. W. Lane, F. Taulby, E. B. Morton, S. Bowler, A. side, over red silk on the other. This is the first | B. Vanhorne, othersof 72d Ind.; by Wm. G. Keese, Hermosa, S. D .--- Of James Cotton, Co. I, 79th Ind., last heard from in Missouri; by Wm. Cotton, Elk City, Kan. Iowa.-Of Orderly-Serg't Morlan, of Missouri, in Co. B. 3d battalion, Provisional Army of the Tennessce, 1864, 65; of Asa Cuiver, Co. D. 13th Iowa;

by John L. Cheshire, Waupaca, Wis. KANSAS.-Of Capt. Euphrates Shepherd, Lieut. Samuel Gilland, David, Samuel and Alonzo Gardiner, John Perkins, Albert Hurst, and others of Co. G, 16th Kan, Cav.; by John A. Davis, Box 617, Walla Walla, Wash. MICHIGAN. -Of Wm. Davis, Co. L. 8th Mich, Cav.

by John Sitts, McPherson, Kan.—Of Sidney W. Failing, 12th Mich.; by Mrs. Carrie Taylor, Hector, MISCELLANEOUS. -- Of comrades of Ansel Turner, at Gallup's Island, 1865; by C. M. Place, North Whitfield, Me. Missouri.-Of Allen Isham, of a Missouri regiment; by James H. Peeler, McPaul, Iowa .- Of comrades of Victor Sommers, Fremont Hussars;

by John W. Sullim, Post No. 227, G.A.R., Trenton, NAVAL -Of U. S. S. Vixen, October, 1860; by John G. Chapman, New Haven, Conn. New York .- Of family of Wm. Burns, Co. F. 48th N. Y.; by Robert Bayles, Sublette, Ill,-Of Capt. Latimore, Frank Spencer, Deforis Lazier, Geo. Flint, Dr. Rugg, Col. Rhoback, all 104th N. Y. by Wm. Bailey, Penn Yan, N. Y.—Of Jay Stanton, 86th N. Y.; by J. B. Ray, Hartford, Mich.— Of comrades of Serg't Emory, Co. G, 2d N, Y. (Harris Light) Cav.; by Mrs. Catharine Emory, 88 Cherry St. Albany, N. Y.—Of Hiram P. Thomp-son, Co. B, 112th N. Y.; by A. H. Stafford, James-town, N. Y.—Of Co. H, 9th N. Y. H. A.; of Co. K. 2d N. Y. H. A., who remember writer; by Henry Bluff, San Angelo, Tex. Оню.—Of Col. Richardson, 129th Ohio; by John Montague, Milton, Pa .- Of Co. B, 86th Ohio (three months); by Henry Hershberg, Lima, O .--- Of L. B. Coss, G. W. Thompson, Isaac Owens, all Co. F. 175th Ohio; by Christian Hatch, Elm Grove, O .-Of comrades of Elias H. Overman, Co. K, 12th Ohio; by George W. Legg, Latham, O. PENNSYLVANIA .- Of comrades of Peter Knobloch, . K, Sal Pa., who know of his being sick in hospital; by Frances A. Tuttle, Box 328, Clyde, O .-Of Sergt's Kurtz and Santz, Andrew Gilkerson,

Alex, Ross, John Patterson, Wm. Shaw, Joseph Barrett, V. W. Swett, Daniel Cole, all Co. A, 14th U by Joseph Manners, Ottawa City, Canada,-Nelson E. Warner, John J. Norman, Co. E. 6th. U. S. Cav.; of David Clark, of a New York regiment; by Joshua W. Du Bois, Cross Village, Mich Vенмонт,—Of Co. H. 17th Vt.; by J. N. Magoon M. D., 113 West Ninth street, Kansas City, Mo. VIRGINIA .- Of Chaplain or others of 1st Va. Cav., who knew Wm, F. Jones; by Jacob W. Jones, Greenfield, O.

The Old Marching Step.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUÑE: I notice in your excellent story, "Tracy Tremmel," that and 60 of them to the minute," etc. I presume much of what you write of this kind will be taken as authority, and remembered by our sons and daughters. Now I write to say, having been an infantryman and taken considerable interest in this matter of steps, I think grand banquet by Lewis Relief Corps at the Rink, the minute; a 30 inch step was 100 to the minute, and from 13 to 36 inches was 120 to the minute and upward. In marching on the Sailors' Orphans' Home, and had the privilege of Plains we used to get our distance by this seeing how handsomely the soldier wards are cared for at that beautiful institution. Lewis Corps kind of count. For instance, 90 steps in a minute, by a well-drilled regiment, indicated the length of the step as 28 inches, and the regiment was marching two and seventeen-fortyfourth miles an hour; 100 steps to the minute indicated 30 inches to the step, and the regiment was marching two and thirty-seven-fortyfor the tomb of Gen. Sheridan.

Coleman Post, of Troy, O., J. Cory Winans, Comfourth miles an hour. Of course regiments mander, and Coleman Corps, Laurena Northcutt, did not always nor often step just so many steps a minute, but the length of the stop was always exactly proportioned to the rate, and any careful infantryman could tell how fast | Nickerk, if he would allow me to take it away, I have seen cavalry officers walking to meas-

SOUTH AFRICA.

How Diamonds are Smuggled from the Mines.

Illicit Diamond Buying a Great Industry-The Laws Strict, but are Successfully Evaded-Methods Used in Circumventing the Law-The Kaffrs Calmly Swallow the Stones-Row Diamonds Came to be Discoverd in South Africa.

Special Correspondence NATIONAL TRIBUNE.

JOHANNISBURG, TRANSVAAL, South Africa, February, 1890. Y second day in Kimgreat importance to graphs. is to the United States. Illicit diamond buying is as universal as drinking, and the latter is certainly a luxury in which Kimberley indulges to extremes. As I found · Ship z out afterward, my

hotel, the Central, was the headquarters of

this crime. The laws are more than strict-

they are despotic. No sentence for a convicted

I. D. B. is less than five years, and generally reaches double that time. You may, and will, no doubt, be astonished that despite the rigorous sentences imposed, this practice still flourishes; but when I inform you that the estimated value of the diamonds stolen last year amounted to nearly £300,000, you will at once comprehend the importance of this industry. found in the mine. We will suppose, for ar- York. gument's sake, that I am an I. D. B. I will get a black boy in whom I have confidence, and Both of these duties are difficult to fulfill, as a dramatic and tragic climax. Kafir never works when not watched, and as | President Jordan, of the University of Inthe loss of stones. My boy has worked hard a lities has on the origin of species. whole month, and by his good behavior has

opportunity, takes a stone of, say, three carats, the supplement to Harper's Weekly for June

TESTING THE DIAMOND. examines him, but never suspects the presence | by a number of Pennell's sketches. of a stolen stone. The boy passes it to a con-

federate, who in turn hands it to me. A curious I. D. B. case was tried at Beaufort | Frederick Remington, will appear in the July West, some 200 miles from Kimberley, in 1884, | number of Harper's Magazine. Mrs. Harby's which ended in the acquittal of the accused, a | writings on historical subjects have recently man well versed not only in the mysteries of | won honorable recognition both in this country the I. D. B. trade, but also in the punishment and abroad. Her paper entitled "The City of attendant upon its detection. This man offered a Prince," published some two years ago in the a certain Jew residing there an imitation dia- Mayazine of American History, and dealing with mond for sale. The Jew would not purchase facts hitherto unknown, gained for her the on his own judgment, but asked a friend to | election as fellow of The American Historical value the stone for him, which, after buying on | Association. Another of her historical articles his advice for £280, he found out was merely a | was translated into Spanish, and published in piece of glass not worth a farthing. Not living, | certain South American periodicals. Mrs. however, in Griqualand West, where an un- Harby is also well known as a contributor to licensed purchase would have been a crime, which might have consigned him to the Capetown Breakwater for 15 years, but in the Cape Colony, where no restriction was then in force, he called in the assistance of the law, charged the man with obtaining money under false pretenses, and the case ultimately came before Judge Dwyer at the circuit court held in that town. The sale by the prisoner was, of course, duly proved. Judge Dwyer, however, instructed the jury that as the purchaser had been guided in his opinion by his friend, it was a question for them to decide whether he

accused. As I said before, he was acquitted. Amongst the devices invented for the secretion of illicit stones the book post comes first. A large hole is cut in the pages of some novel or ready reckoner and the space filled with diamonds carefully packed. The parcel being properly packed attracts no attention from the postal authorities. Kafirs were employed as runners at night; in the day white horsemen, nicknamed "troopers," were paid to face the risks of detection; the diamonds they carried being wrapped in lead so that they could be dropped into the neighboring grass, if danger loomed in the distance, and recovered again at | right.' leisure. Horses are fed with balls of bran containing the diamonds, driven across the ssing the border unsuspected, while carrierman named Phillips had the heels of his shoes | my left side and had passed clean through my made hollow and filled them up with rough | body, leaving a flerco, burning trail. diamonds, sealing them down with wax. The handles of his traveling trunk were also made | time you are a dead man. No man can live to remove, the empty spaces behind being used | when a bullet has plowed its way through his as receptacles for the same purpose. But enough of I. D. B.; I will now give you

a short history of the discovery of diamonds in South Africa, which, I am sure, will be read in Letter VIII, you make Tracy write that with interest by all your readers. Mr. John we must all take a step just 28 inches long O'Reilly, one of the principal actors, relates his until I should die. The pain was so fearful experience in this important discovery as follows: "It is 23 years ago since I first lit upon the diamond which led to the finding and development of this wonderful industry. I was trading around as usual, never dreaming of anything particular occuring, when, in October, 1867. I outsnanned at a farm belonging to a Boer named Niekerk, close to the Orange River. His youngsters, when I came there, were playing with pebbles, and their father was standing alongside watching them. Seeing me looking on, he pointed out one stone prettier than the rest in the hands of a little black servant boy, who was minding his children, and said it Dutch: 'There's a pretty stone for a woman's brooch,' I had a diamond ring on my finger, and I fancied I could see some resemblance to the cut stone, and taking it from the boy I tried to scratch my initials on the window-pane, and could not find it. There was not a sign of as I had somewhere seen that this was one of the tests of diamonds. As soon as I found that It took me not more than 30 seconds to buckle the stone would cut glass I offered to give my belt around me and make a run for my one-half of what I might get for it, supposing it proved to be a diamond. This he jumped at. ure rate of marching. A cavalryman can, after I at once inspanned my oxen into my wagon using a horse a short time, get his rate by his and went to Hopetown, our trading center at the ranks.' step as well as he can his own. I write this to the time. When I got there I showed the stone Commander Dowling was present. Memorial Post | show my appreciation of your story and my | to Solomon, the storekeeper, who chaffed me, fact and treasured as knowledge by our boys and girls.—Thos. A. Pollok, Miamisburg, O. From Hopetown I went to Colesberg, where I cheerful,"

questioned the Magistrate. He was not sure, and advised me to send it to Capetown. I did not care about that, but instead sent it to Grahamstown to Dr. Atterstone, who knew all about such things. Dr. Atterstone sent it to Sir Philip Wadehouse, the Governor of Cape Colony, who bought it for £500, of which I

were discovered in 1870.

gave half to Niekerk." Thus was found the first diamond, which upon becoming known, attracted fortunehunters from all parts of the world, and the

present diamond mines surrounding Kimberley EDGAR MELS.

RECENT LITERATURE.

EGYPTIAN SKETCHES. By Jeremiah Lynch, Published by Scribner & Welford, New York,

This work is the outcome of nearly a year's stay in Cairo and near parts of Egypt, and shows a careful study of the country and its berley I devoted to the people. The sketches are mostly in narrative mysteries of illicit dia- form, and the author has succeeded in producmond buying, a sub- ing many delightful pictures of Eastern life. ject which is of as The volume is finely illustrated from photo-Kimberley as the tariff MADAME BOVARY. A Tale of Provincial Life.

By Gustave Flaubert. Translated by John Stiri-ing. Published by Peterson & Brus., Philadelphin. Price 75 cents.

MESSALINA. A Tragedy in Five Acts. By Algernon Sydney Logan. Published by J. B. Lippincott Co., Philadelphia, Pa., and for sale by Brentano, Washington, D. C. Price \$1.

This is a dramatic poem of unusual power, by the author of "Saul," "A Feather from the World's Wing," "Jesus in Modern Life," etc. It deals with a well-known episode in Roman the I. D. E.'s (illicit diamond buyers), and history-the conspiracy of Messaiina, the beau-I utilized this coincidence to perfect myself in tiful but dissolute wife of the Emperor Clauthe knowledge of how to evade the law against dins, to dethrone him and place herself and Silius, her lover, upon the throne of the world. The movement of the play is very fine and it abounds in strong situations and lines of great beauty and force. The characters of all the actors are well outlined and historically accu-

Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly claims to be the cheapest magazine published in the world. It contains 130 large pages filled with interest-Before going any further, I must explain the | ing stories, sketches, literary matter, etc., and methods employed in obtaining the illicit embellished with fine illustrations. Price 25 stones, which, by-the-by, are usually the best | cents. Published at 110 Fifth avenue, New

Oscar Wilde contributes the complete novel obtain employment for him in one of the to the July number of Lippincott's Magazine, mines. He will sign for, say, three months, It is entitled "The Picture of Doriga Gray," during which time I will not see him again, as and it is a story that everybody will want to no Kafir is permitted to leave the company in- read. Not only is Oscar Wilde one of the most closure or compound as long as he is in their interesting figures of the day, but he is a reemploy. Now, this boy is put to work in one markably clever and original writer, as he has of the levels, hundreds of feet beneath the shown himself to be in his essays, poems, and surface, under the supervision of a white man, short stories, and above all in this his first whose duty it is to keep him at work and to novel. The story is strikingly original in conprevent him from concealing any diamonds. ception, is strong in interest, and fitted with a

he is as sharp, if not sharper, than Bret dians, will contribute to the July Popular Sci-Harte's proverbial Chinaman, his methods of ence Monthly a very readable article on Evoluconcealing stones are many and varied, and it tion and the Distribution of Animals, in which is, despite the rigid scrutiny to which they are he shows what bearing the fact of certain anisubmitted, an utter impossibility to prevent mals being found or not found in certain local-

"Athletics in and around New York," by W. lulled the suspicions of his overseer or "boss," A. Platt, a paper of special interest and value 21st. The article will be fully illustrated from drawings by C. D. Gibson. To the same number of the Weekly Clarence Deming will contribute a timely article, "The Icenerg Biography," which will be illustrated by T. de Thul-Strup.

Bruce-Price, the well-known architect, in his article on "The Suburban House," in the July Scribner's, describes an interesting old house, at one time the finest in western Maryland: "It was built long before the Revolution, the hall was of unusual size-so large, in fact, that the owner boasted that he could (and on a wager did) turn a four-in-hand in it. On one side was an enormous fireplace, with benches built out at the side of the jambs, and large enough to seat quite a company. This fireplace was unique. It was built of stone, broad and deep, with a heavy lintel over it. Above this lintel was a niche with a separate flue from it, and here in the evening knots of fat pine were heaped and burned, and the great hall was by this means brilliantly lighted. The old house has long since crumbled and rotted away, but the ruins of the old fireplace still mark the

An article on the South of France, -Avignon, Nimes, Arles, etc.,—autitled "A Provencal Pilgrimage," begins in the July Century. The writer is Miss Harriet W. Preston, translator of "Mireio," the Provencal poem by Mistral, and and calmly swallows it. When his shift, which | a close student of the interesting life and literalasts 12 hours, is over, the overseer superficially | ture of that region. The text is accompanied

An article on "Texan Types and Contrasts," by Lee C. Harby, with 17 illustrations by

various New York literary papers. New Music. "Still Their Hearts are Young." This is a popular song and chorus, a beautiful tribute to he Boys in Blue, and dedicated by permission to Gen. Benjamin Harrison. The words are by Joshua Smith and the music by J. A. Butterfield. Published by Joshua Smith, 145 Twenty-

second street, Chicago. Price 40 cents.

WAITED TO DIE. had been misled or not by the statement of the | Experience of a Soldier Who Thought a Ball Had Gone Through Him.

> "I was wounded three times during the war," said Maj. L. with a merry twinkle in his fine brown eye, to a New York Tribune reporter, once fatally, but you see I am still an inhabitant of this beautiful earth." "Perhaps," suggested one of his listeners,

'you were like the man of whom the country-

newspaper man wrote: "The ball entered his

left side, inflicting a mortal wound. With good care he will be able to pull through all "That's just where the ball did enter," replied the grizzled veteran cheerfully. "I was border before the very eyes of the detectives, | in the Shenandoah Valley with Sheridan, and where, in the course of nature, the diamonds | we were having a lively little time of it, a were restored to their owners. The tails of regular hare-and-hounds race all the time, it oxen or the wings of fowls were often utilized, seemed. We were chasing Mr. Johnny Rebel ont of the country, and in one of our ch nigeons, instead of carrying valuable informa- I suddenly stopped short, feeling as if a redion, were used to carry diamonds to the hot sword had been thrust through me, I was Transyaal or to the Orange Free State. One wounded, badly, too. The ball had entered

> "I staggered out of the line. The fighting business was so brisk just then that wounded men were looking out for themselves. I managed to get to a log and sat down on it to wait that I could barely move my limbs. It seemed to paralyze my nervous and muscular force. As

I sat there watching the men scampering along,

"Well,' I said to myself, 'Abe L-, this

one of my old comrades passed me. "'What's the matter, Abe?' he cried. 'Hit?' " 'They've done me this time,' I answered. ". Hope not,' he turned to yell back as he

ran. One doesn't expect delicate attention at such times. "Well, I waited to die, until finally I said to myself, 'If this is dying it isn't so had after all.' "I unbuckled my belt to ease the pain, and thought that I would like to see what a deadly wound looked like. I took a look and there was no wound there. I could not believe my eyes. I knew I had been hit, for I could feel where the ball had come out in my back. I put my hand around there to touch the hole, a wound in my side, not a mark on the skin.

company. I caught it in 20 minutes. "'How's this?' two or three of the boys panted. 'We thought you were killed.' "'Well, you see I am not,' I said, falling inte

"I had been hit by a spent ball, and that night when I examined my side I found a blackbelief that all that you story tellers say of and offered to bet me a dozen bottles of beer and blue spot on it as big as my cap. I didn't such things as here spoken of is taken as exact | that it was worthless, and that I must be an | mind it in the least. A man who suddenly